



Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 07, 2017
09:00 a.m

Yuma County Public Health Auditorium
2200 West 28th Street, Yuma AZ 85364

The Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held and called to order at 09:03 am.

In consideration of Presiding Chair being vacated, and in absence of the Vice Chair, the official LEPC Coordinator, Tony Badilla, called the meeting to order. Recording of minutes and membership is Ceci Gill, Secretary/Treasurer.

ROLL CALL

Tony Badilla welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced himself and asked the members and participants of the committee to introduce themselves.

Members Present:

Tony Badilla, Yuma County OEM, Group 2	John P Smith, AZ DPS, Group 2
Tom Batson, Red Cross, Group 4	Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan, Group 5
Shirley Dalton, YACS, Group 3	Gary Elk, Western Precooling, Group 5
Robert Oberosler, YCSO, Group 2	Dusty Fields, COY, Group 1
Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah FD, Group 2	David Slade, Yuma Cogeneration , Group 5
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5	Darren Simmons, YC BOS, Group 1
Mario Avalos, Group 5	Chris Flores, Yuma County OEM, Group 2
Manny Hernandez, COY, Group 2	Andrew Ricker, SW Gas, Group 5
Ken Waters, NWS, Group 3	Ceci Gill, YCOEM, Group 2

Guests:

Sam Yarbrough, YACS	Joseph Waterford, YCPHEP
Marc Holyfield, RMFD	Ely Rivas, Red Cross
Louie Carlos, Somerton-Cocopah FD	Earl Hamilton, MCAS
Karl Shaner, Citizen	Chris Nutter, AZDEQ
Alan Pruitt, WAEDD	Angel Ramirez, SLFD
Josh Scott, YCPW	

A full quorum of members was present and orderly assembled to proceed with meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of October 12th, 2017 meeting minutes were circulated and reviewed. Approval of meeting minutes was motioned by *Gary Koehn*, seconded by *Paul DeAnda*.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Coordinator *Tony Badilla* reported to the committee of *Robert Baroccio's* Chair resignation due to relocation orders. *Badilla* motioned to accept *Baroccio's* resignation, seconded by *Ceci Gill*.

Position of Chairman was consigned to Vice- Chairman, *Mike Erfert*, and *Paul DeAnda* was nominated and motioned Vice Chairman by *D Fields*, seconded by *C Flores*, with all Ayes in favor.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman absent.

COORDINATOR REPORT:

Tony Badilla reported YAASD Sponsorship Request letter was received, however, still waiting for HMEP FFY17 Award letter. He also went on passing information on the iAEM conference he attended with *Chris Flores* and a lesson learned from Singapore's Exxon pipeline rupture next to sewer lines.

Badilla also reported community participation from OEM volunteer groups, YACS and CERT, such as the upcoming Christmas parade, Bike Run, and Bell Ringers.

HMEP GRANT FOR DISCUSSION:

Ceci Gill provided financial report- received email from AZDEQ confirming deposit will be made via AZ Procurement for FFY16 HMEP request for reimbursement of funds.

PRESENTATION: GRAAD Hazard Mitigation Plan Update- FEMA

Badilla showed a video on Green River Development District's Hazard Mitigation Plan update and evaluation from FEMA. The enhanced updated plan will make the Counties eligible for funds. Having presented this, *Tony Badilla* briefed the participants with a monthly Yuma County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Report provided by Michael Baker International. (See attached – Exhibit A)

NEW BUSINESS- Discussion and Possible Action:

- *J Waterford* informed of *Michelle Smith's* retirement. He is also working on a Special Needs Roster for Evacuees as a Database Register, which is in testing Phase; looking forward to have it accessible to the public starting January 2018. *Waterford* discerned that Emergency Power is a critical asset for shelters during disasters and asked the members of any known resources for funding to obtain generators.
- *Oberosler* called attention to the committee and asked to be vigilant and report any illegal or suspicious activity in light of recent commercial robberies, particularly with 3 New Holland commercial tractors.
- *D Slade* reminded the committee YAASD will be February 22nd, with public safety training on the 21st.
- *K Waters* explained Red Flag Warning, which is currently issued. He is in the process of contributing with City and County to obtain the participation and commitment for Storm Weather Ready Ambassadors to establish a relationship with the community to engage in a Weather Ready Nation Thank you for providing the link. (See Attached – Exhibit B).
- *Ely Rivas* is seeking volunteers from adjacent cities to Yuma to form a "Latinos Preparados" to involve the Hispanic community in disaster preparedness and engagement.
- *Chris Nutter* commented that Tier 2 Reporting website is currently under improvement testing to incorporate enhanced mapping and Global Harmonization on health effects starting January 2018.
- *Louie Carlos* reminded the committee that Somerton will be hosting their traditional annual tamale festival.

- *Paul DeAnda* stated commitment to collaborate with *Waterford* and relay the Special Needs Register Survey to WACOG, Somerton Senior Center and other organizations in the Somerton community.
- *Angel Ramirez* explained City of San Luis FD will work with San Luis Rio Colorado (Mexico) Fire Dept. to co-train HazMat and other tabletop exercises, including Border 2020 in Tucson. Also, City of San Luis Lights Parade will be hosted on Friday, December 08, 2017.
- *Earl Hamilton* provided a brief outline of events at MCAS, mentioning a great turnout on the Active Shooter in November. Also announced MCAS' E.O.C. training will be on February 7th, the annual Airshow on March 17th, and their Terrorism Drill week is scheduled for April 24-27.
- *A Pruitt* introduced himself and his organization, Western Arizona Economic Development District (WAEDD), and informed the committee of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), which is a critical component in the HMP checklist and a CFR requirement for grant eligibility on Economic Resilience. He offered to present at the next LEPC meeting.
- *C Flores* reminded first responders that a requirement for public funds assistance is to be NIMS Compliant; hence OEM will try to offer MAG-300 and MAG-400 twice a year. A list of state trainings hosted by OEM is attached, with volunteer event dates (See Attached – Exhibit C).

OLD BUSINESS- Discussion and Possible Action:

- *Batson* discussed his participation on Hurricane Harvey and the Sacramento wildfires deployment. He is pleased to report that the community had a great turnout on volunteers, with 16 being deployed which helps gain on hands training and experience. He also contributed that Yuma County currently has 44 Shelters according to a survey he conducted.
- *Sgt John Smith* discussed Mercury spill at an elementary school in Show Low AZ, which caused concern due to the large, and accessible contaminated areas. *Nutter* commented that even though the amount of mercury reported was small and under CDC guidelines, the contact and exposure was significant, stating there were 52 pairs of contaminated shoes and clothing confiscated.
- *Sgt Smith* continued on reflecting the high reports of Phentanyl findings. He asked to be mindful, issuing warnings about phentanyl laced in Marijuana, besides heroin. It is concerning due to the high fatality in a microgram and its difficulty to clean or dispose of the synthetic opiate.
- *M Hernandez* commented City of Yuma has an online calendar for anyone interested in any events <http://www.yumaaz.gov/events>.

GOOD of the ORDER -Announcements

Flores announced they are working with AZ DEMA to bring, locally, HazMat (280hr) courses.

Call to the Public.

Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Meeting to commence right after for anyone interested. It was requested to attendees & Yuma County municipalities to kindly complete the Public Risk Perception Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YVR67GF>

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates may be found in our Yuma County website: www.yumacountyaz.gov/government/county-administrator/emergency-management/hazard-mitigation-plan-update

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Ceci Gill, Recording Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

Attest:

Chief Paul DeAnda, LEPC Vice-Chairman

Tony C Badilla, LEPC Coordinator